GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:469
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2006
MOBILE AND BASIC PHONE SUBSCRIBERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mobile phone users and landline users in the rural and urban areas as on date separately, State-wise;

(b) the expected growth of the users during the current financial year;

(c) whether with the rapid growth of mobile phone users, the demand for land line telephone has alarmingly gone down;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to maintain a balanced growth of both the systems apace with the technological advancement?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 469 FOR 17TH MAY, 2006 REGARDING MOBILE AND BASIC PHONE SUBSCRIBERS.

(a) The requisite information is given in Annexure-I.

(b) The expected addition during 2006-07 is about 50-60 million.

(c) & (d) As can be seen from the Table at Annexure-II, while the number of landline phones continues to grow, the bulk of the growth has been in the mobile segment.

(e) The Government follows a technologically neutral policy. While the telecom operators like BSNL have taken steps to improve and modernize the existing wire line facilities with new features like broadband, the demand is essentially customer driven.

ANNEXURE-I

STATE-WISE BREAK UP OF MOBILE AND LAND LINE USERS AS ON 31.03.2006

Sl. No.	Name of State/Telecom Circle	Rural Phone Mobile Users	Rural Phone Land line users	Rural Phone Total Users	Urban Phone Mobile Users	Urban Phone Land Users	Urban Phone Total Users	Grad
1	Andaman & Nicobar	1265	20939	22204	29471	19234	48705	70909
2	Andhra Pradesh	27251	1345975	1373226	6899354	2552979	9452333	10825559
3	Assam	9487	173149	182636	1071649	394118	1465767	1648403
4	Bihar	0	540742	540742	3600406	714933	4315339	4856081
5	Chhattisgarh	10937	81500	92437	108052	278604	386656	479093
6	Gujarat	2694	908911	911605	6095675	2382493	8478168	9389773
7	Haryana	2214	488104	49018	2053538	794893	2848431	2897449
8	Himachal Pradesh	13	417844	417857	681050	108417	789467	1207324
9	Jammu & Kashmir	0	73103	73103	1078340	265729	1344069	1417172
10	Jharkhand	0	130017	130017	356440	387155	743595	873612
11	Karnataka	1815	951649	953464	6234192	2398289	8632481	9585945
12	Kerala		26917	2634230	2661147	4272529	1662262	5934791	8595938
13	Madhya Pradesh		4488	380024	384512	3065741	1314796	4380537	4765049
14	Maharashtra (-) Mumbai		21880	1621495	1643375	6488650	3277482	9766132	11409507
15	North East		3064	123135	126199	466596	269400	735996	862195

16	Orissa	0	379954	379954	2014728	564872	2579600	2959554
17	Punjab	2670	878757	881427	5032311	1546653	6578964	7460391
18	Rajasthan	9865	787604	797469	3698547	1539911	5238458	6035927
19	Tamil Nadu (-) Chennai	4024	1002424	1006448	5456331	2260818	7717149	8723597
20	Uttaranchal	1429	122883	124312	282512	281280	563792	688104
21	Uttar Pradesh	9315	792441	801756	9249414	2591335	11840749	12642505
22	West Bengal (-) Kolkata	1100	702700	703800	2566788	706312	3273100	3976900
23	Kolkata	0	0	0	3151963	1729034	4880997	4880997
24	Chennai	0	70239	70239	2988079	1216205	4204284	4274523
25	Delhi	0	0	0	8004969	2528792	10533761	10533761
26	Mumbai	0	0	0	7429566	3160895	10590461	10590461
Total		140428	14627819	1476824	92376891	34946891	12732378	14209202
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ANNEXURE-II

NUMBER OF BASIC AND MOBILE PHONES

Year	No. of Telephones (in Million)	
	Fixed (landline + WLL)	Mobile
1999	21.61	1.20
2000	26.65	1.80
2001	32.70	3.58
2002	38.53	6.43
2003	41.93	12.69
2004	42.84	33.70
2005	46.85	51.53
2006	49.57	92.52